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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously  
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

18. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer program for  
controlling a computer to perform a method as claimed in claim 1.

33. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer program for  
controlling a computer to perform a method as claimed in claim 19.

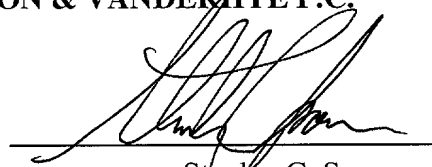
**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.  
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

18. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer program for  
controlling a computer to perform a method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 16] claim 1.

33. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer program for  
controlling a computer to perform a method as claimed in [any one of claims 19 to 31] claim 19.